

PETERSBURG FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM CHESTERFIELD JAIL

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TWO ASSAULTS BY BURGLARS
Snow Falls Throughout Day and Gives Petersburg Its First White Christmas in Many Years—Orphans Guests of Elks.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 25.—Four prisoners escaped from the jail at Chesterfield, Va., last night, by breaking the locks of their cells. The supposition is that they must have had some assistance. Two of the men are Perkins and Hicks, recently arrested here for robbing cars at Dunlops, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and awaiting trial in the Circuit Court. A third was Talmage A. Whitman, a white man, who was charged with a store near South Richmond, and the fourth was a colored man named Harris, charged with assault.

Talmage and Harris were captured this morning and will be returned to the Chesterfield jail.

Assaults by Burglars.
Last night at a late hour, J. V. Tudor, proprietor of a boarding-house on Lawrence Street, heard some one moving in one of the upper rooms of his house, and went up to investigate. He was dealt a violent blow by the intruder, knocked down and his right shoulder fractured. The assailant made his escape. Mr. Tudor gaining no knowledge as to who the man was, called on the police.

Lawrence Bannion, who lives on Hollingsbrook Street, was also the victim of an assault by an unknown burglar last night. Mr. Bannion had occasion to go to the bathroom, and on his way back, he was seized by a man who was armed with a knife. The man struck Mr. Bannion on the head with the knife, and he escaped.

Knights Templar Observance.
Promptly at noon to-day the officers and members of Appomattox Commandery of Knights Templar met in their assembly hall at a sentiment to the Most Eminent Grand Master, Arthur McArthur, and received the sentiment in response by the Grand Master. An interesting feature of the occasion was a brief address delivered by Eminent Sir Rev. Richard Wilkinson, D. D., pastor of Washington Street M. E. Church, and past commander of the M. E. Commandery, of Louisville, Ky.

A White Christmas.
For the first time in years Petersburg had its first white Christmas to-day. The snow followed a heavy rain during the night, some covered the ground and has been falling all day. The Christmas celebration was made very quiet in consequence of the snow and business was suspended. The services at the churches were materially interrupted with, but these will be repeated on Sunday to larger congregations.

Orphans as Guests.
The children of the Female Orphan Asylum, who were here to-day of the Petersburg Lodge of Elks, at the order's handsome home, and the occasion was a joyous one, not only to the little folk, but to many of their friends who attended the reception. The orphans were made glad by the cordial treatment extended them and the generous gifts bestowed upon them. The orphans added interest to the entertainment by exercises of their own.

Bank Dividends.
The year has been a prosperous one with the banks of Petersburg. All of them having declared handsome dividends on their capital stock out of the year's earnings. The dividends will be paid out to stockholders in dividends the first of the year will aggregate many thousands of dollars. The Petersburg banks are among the safest and most solid in the State.

Two Deaths Reported.
George Barracott, a well-known citizen, died last evening at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George E. Carter, on South Adams Street, in the seventeenth year of his age.

Mrs. A. L. Powers, wife of N. P. Powers, died this morning in the Petersburg Hospital, following a long illness. She was forty-two years old, and is survived by her husband, three small children, two sisters and three brothers, all of Petersburg.

Entertained Employees.
R. U. Partin, one of the leading druggists in the city, last evening entertained the managers and clerks of his several stores at a banquet at the Stratford Hotel. Several other guests were present. The menu served was all that a Christmas dinner could embrace, with the exception that wine was barred, and toasts were drunk in pure water.

Serious Accident to Child.
The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bicker, Jr., of Adams Street, was seriously injured yesterday by being run over by an automobile. The little fellow was following his father across the street when he was struck by the machine being so close to him that it was impossible to prevent the accident. The child, but this morning, passed over a fracture of the left leg and to inflict severe bruises. The injured boy was once taken to the hospital for treatment. The automobile was being driven by the owner, to whom no blame is attached.

Death of Young Man.
Wallace D. Haddock, aged twenty-five years, died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at his home on Washington Street. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and one sister—Junius R. Haddock, N. Joseph H. and Miss Alice Haddock.

Death in Chesterfield.
Lorenzo Belcher, a highly respected citizen of Chesterfield, died at his home in that county Wednesday night, aged sixty-five years, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife and four children—Mrs. Mollie Butler, of Petersburg; Mrs. Bessie Athers, Alexander and Henry Belcher, of Chesterfield.

Personal and General.
State Senator A. R. Hobbs, of Prince George, who is serving his fourth consecutive term, it is announced, will be a candidate to succeed himself at the next election. It is said that W. L. Deary, Jr., and S. P. Barham, Jr., of Decatur, are aspirants for the nomination. They have agreed to have a primary in the county to find out the county's choice for a candidate. The district is composed of the Counties of Prince George, Greensville, Sussex and Surry.

The Christmas trade this year has been good, comparing very favorably with that of last year. The merchants are well satisfied with the amount of their sales. Shoppers were out until late last night.

SOUTH RICHMOND COMMITTEE REPORT ON RAILWAY FRANCHISE

President Jones, to Democratic Club, to Call Special Meeting This Week.

SOUTHSIDE SPENDS QUIET DAY
Captain Wright Says Christmas Day Was Remarkably Free From Disorder—Personal and Other News of Interest.

The committee appointed by the South Richmond Democratic Club to draft resolutions in regard to the Virginia Railway and Power Company's petition for a thirty-year franchise will report this evening to the president of the club, Carter C. Jones, at a special meeting to consider the matter. Indorsement was given at the last meeting to the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the East End Citizens' Association, but the Southside paper will embody the special needs of this section of the city.

Quiet Holiday on Southside.
One of the quietest holidays in years was experienced on the Southside yesterday. The snowstorm coming in many people indoors. Captain A. S. Wright, of the Third Police Station, said yesterday that there was less disorder this Christmas than he had ever seen. No arrests were reported at the station. Most of the stores and offices were closed, and the police remained open only until 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Virginia T. Moss.
Mrs. Virginia T. Moss, seventy-five years old, widow of George R. Moss, died yesterday morning at her home in Chesterfield, Va. Her husband was a prominent citizen of the city. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial will be made in the church burying ground. Mrs. Moss is survived by two sons and two daughters, all of whom are in the city.

Christmas Music.
Special Christmas music was sung at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on the Southside, yesterday. The choir, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Wright, rendered a number of beautiful songs. The service was well attended, and the music was much appreciated.

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BIG CHANGE IN ART LIFE ALMOST INCALCULABLE

At National School of Beaux Arts in Paris, 1,800 of 2,000 Students Are at Front.

GREAT MUSEUMS ALSO CLOSED
Monsieur Hauffbuer, Who Has Done Work in Richmond, Returns to France and Joins Army—Effects of War Seen in Artistic Circles.

[Correspondence of The Associated Press.]
PARIS, December 15.—The change in art life in Paris is almost incalculable. At the National School of the Beaux Arts 1,500 of its 2,000 students have joined the allied armies. Four of the professors are also at the front—Branford, Masson, Marek and Leroux.

The closing of the Louvre, the Luxembourg and other museums; the cancellation of many important exhibitions during the winter; the suspension of the classes in many other large academies besides the Beaux Arts; the departure of nearly 30 per cent of the artists; the disappearance of many arms, and the disappearance of many artists are some of the consequences of the war upon this phase of life in Paris.

Among the first of the Beaux Arts men to fall on the battlefield was Maurice Berthoin, chief of Jausse's atelier, and also a familiar figure at the Salon. He died in the trenches near Verdun. He was killed in the trenches near Verdun. He was killed in the trenches near Verdun.

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"DRY" FORCES PLAN GREAT CONGRESS THIS SUMMER

Will Be Held at Atlantic City July 6 to 10 Under Anti-Saloon League Auspices.

ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS PEOPLE
At Least One Special Train From Each State Will Be Run—Speakers to Number of 300 Are on Program.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, December 25.—The prohibition forces of the United States are planning to hold a congress of their own this summer. It will last but four or five days, but it will be full of interest, and the representation will be large. The congress is to sit at Atlantic City July 6 to 10, inclusive. It is being arranged by the Anti-Saloon League of America. The great throng of visitors at Atlantic City will be augmented by the thousands who will come for the prohibition gatherings.

Arrangements have been made to run at least one special train from each State in the Union. As nearly as possible all these trains will reach Atlantic City at the same time.

The famous \$1,000,000 pier has been leased for the exclusive use of the Anti-Saloon League during the prohibition gathering. A "four-ring circus" will be maintained during each day and evening of the convention. The performers, who, in this case, will be speakers to the number of 300, will include many of the most prominent men in all walks of life in the United States.

Men at the head of great business institutions, doctors, lawyers, Governors of States, United States Senators, members of the lower House of Congress, speakers and members of different State Legislatures, and others, will be heard.

The Anti-Saloon League of America is desirous of impressing upon the people of the country the strength of the sentiment back of the movement for national prohibition, which it is fostering. The gathering at Atlantic City, where at that time of the year people from all sections of the United States are wont to gather for health and pleasure, will afford the prohibition leaders an opportunity to impress upon the public the enthusiasm back of the slogan, "Nation-wide prohibition by 1929."

ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK FOR SENATE
Little More Than Two Months of Time in Which to Complete Program. Senators Predict Fight.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—When the senate reconvenes Tuesday it will have an enormous amount of work in its hands. There will remain a little more than two months of time—fifty-six legislative days, exclusive of Sundays, in which to complete this work before March 4, when the short session of the Sixty-third Congress will end automatically.

Administration Program.
In addition to the appropriation bills, the administration's legislative program for the coming year is a long one. The so-called conservation bills, the government ship-purchase bill and the Philippine bill. There are also bills for the disposal of the Hawaiian Islands, and a number of bills for the disposal of the Hawaiian Islands.

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PRESIDENT WILSON ACTS AS A REAL SANTA CLAUS

Personally Distributes Gifts From White House Christmas Tree to Their Owners.

PLAYS WITH CHILDREN'S TOYS
Greatly Enjoys Delight of Little Grandchildren in Presents Provided for Her—Most of Cabinet Families Spend Day at Home.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, December 25.—President Wilson acted as a real Santa Claus to-day, untying the gifts from the White House Christmas tree and handing them to their owners with a word of Christmas cheer. He found a number of gifts for himself, among them a scarf pin from Mrs. Sayre, and a pair of cuff buttons from Mrs. McAdoo, besides a number of "house-made gifts" from members of his family. Then there were remembrances from all quarters of the globe.

Early this morning the President carried little Anne Cothran, his baby grandchild, into the oval room, the family library, to see the tree and all the presents. Santa Claus had left her from the mantle, and she was holding a bronze tablet commemorating the signing of the emancipation act by President Abraham Lincoln, her stocking filled with "house-made gifts." President Wilson was greatly pleased by the delight of the child in the big doll in blue satin dress he had provided for her. She showed her the working of the machine, and she was so delighted to see the child play with them and run them for her.

The last time the little family group gathered in the room to view gifts from the White House Christmas tree was when the magnificent presents sent to the two White House brides, Mrs. Frances Bowles Sayre and Mrs. William G. McAdoo, were displayed here. In the family party to-day were Miss Margaret Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Bowles Sayre, Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. William G. McAdoo, Mrs. Edward Howe, Mrs. Anne Cothran and little Anne Cothran and Stockton Axson, brother of the late President.

CHRISTMAS FAVORS AT EACH PLATE
Dinner was served in the State dining-room at 7 o'clock. There was an enormous Oklahoma turkey and a steaming mince pie. Red roses graced the table, and Christmas favors were at each plate.

Earlier in the day three automobiles carried Christmas cheer to the poor of the city. Miss Margaret Wilson was in one of them, and she was carrying on for the last three days.

The cabinet families, especially those who are considered the day in their own homes. Christmas trees blazed and the shouts of childish joy could be heard in the homes of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston, Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, and the Attorney General and Mrs. Clegg, Postmaster General and Mrs. Burleson, and their two pretty daughters, Miss Sidney and Miss Lucy Burleson, had a family party at the White House.

At the home of the Speaker and Mrs. Clark, a Missouri turkey, sent by an enormous Oklahoma turkey and a steaming mince pie. Red roses graced the table, and Christmas favors were at each plate.

Among the guests were the little De Sibours, children of Vice President and Viscountess Henri de Sibour; Joseph L. Jr., and his small children; Tommy, Mrs. Clarence Moore's son; and the young sons of Dr. and Mrs. James F. Mitchell.

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WALK ABROAD IN NEW YORK
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LONG TO BE REMEMBERED AS MILITARY CHRISTMAS

Everywhere in Great Britain Men in Uniform Are Objects of Attention.

MANY VOLUNTEERS AT HOME
General Atmosphere One of Sadness Rather Than Hilarity—Economy Is Watchword of Hour—Attendance at Churches Notably Large.

LONDON, December 25 (6:15 P. M.).—Christmas, 1914, will long be remembered in Great Britain as a military Christmas. Everywhere men in khaki and in blue were the object of attention and admiration. There was a great decrease in the customary railway crowds of Christmas, and the streets were filled with soldiers and sailors on leave from the training camps, and a considerable contingent from the Continent and the fleet had two or three days' leave for a holiday.

London particularly seemed to swarm with uniforms. Conspicuous among them were several thousand Canadian and British soldiers. Christmas in the theatres are closed and hotels and public houses keep Sunday hours. The few hours of daylight, however, were almost bright, a rare phenomenon in the winter. Many thousands of soldiers and sailors appeared to find amusement in tramping the streets and in strolling generally had a youth in khaki by admiring relatives.

All ranks of the troops at the front and in home camps were loaded down with presents. Princess Mary's fund for Christmas gifts amounted to nearly \$500,000, while there were numerous funds for tobacco, pudding and other luxuries raised by newspapers and societies.

Even the German military prisoners and civilians in the concentration camps had Christmas trees and gifts from home and from wealthy Germans in England. The German Young Men's Christian Association and the English Red Cross devoted special care to the prisoners.

Hundreds of Belgian wounded in the hospitals and Belgian refugees were the recipients of many attentions. **GIVING FREE MATINEES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**
To-morrow, known in England as "Boxing Day," the beginning of the Christmas holidays, will see some shows are giving free matinees for soldiers and sailors.

A special committee formed to watch conditions in the army and navy has reported that there is less pauperism and unemployment in the city than on any Christmas in thirty years. This is due to the large enlistments.

The general atmosphere was one of sadness rather than one of hilarity. Economy was the watchword of the hour. Christmas trees come from Germany and markets from France, hence both were scarce. Christmas turkeys had slightly increased in price.

Messages to the army and navy were sent by the post, and Christmas cards, bearing their portraits, to every soldier and sailor. Attendance at the churches was much better than in previous years. Paul's spoke of the Anglo-American centenary. Referring to the Canadian-American boundary, he said:

"One hundred years ago America and Canada have been united in true peace—not watching and snarling at each other like two ill-bred dogs. This is something to thank God for. Christmas Day. There are millions in Europe who look to America as a land of hope, and I think they are justified in doing so. One cannot spend a week in America without feeling that peace and freedom give buoyancy to life there such as we rarely see at home."

The dean thought, however, that America had failed to achieve a type of Christmas that Christ would approve. "Competitive Christmas," he said, "has not fulfilled this promise. The plea that business is business may cover almost as much cruelty and injustice as may the maxim that 'All is fair in war.'"

WOMEN IN BERLIN HAVE NO HEART TO MAKE MERRY
ROTTERDAM, December 25.—The Berlin correspondent of the Nieuw Rotterdam Courant, gives details of Christmas in Berlin. What struck him most was the shrinkage in the number of Christmas trees for the city. This he took as a sign that the women had not the heart to make merry while their relatives were at the front.

On the other hand the correspondent is amazed at the number of young men still in the front.

Provisions are becoming more costly. The farmers have had to sell their cattle, not being able to keep them owing to the cost of feeding material. Housewives have been warned to be very careful and economical in the employment of foodstuffs; but from this, the correspondent adds, it must not be inferred that anything very serious has occurred with regard to supplies.

IMPORTING COUNTRIES HEAVY BUYERS OF WHEAT
Italy Probably Takes More Than Any Other. Price in Future Will Depend Wholly Upon War Situation.

that the bull side of the market is the one to adhere to at the present time. Speculation has broadened greatly during the past week and it is likely to increase as under present conditions manipulation is difficult.

Farmers are refusing to dispose of their surplus wheat around present price levels, and have moved their ideas higher and higher.

Those who are in a position to know are that the holdings of wheat in the South West are much smaller than generally stated. There is probably one of the reasons for the tight grip of farmers on the wheat in their hands. The durum wheat in the Northwest has been well cleaned up and shipped to the Old World.

The winter wheat crop is reported pretty well covered with snow and it is now in condition to winter well. The United States can lose considerable acreage this year if the fact that the acreage seeded in the North is not increased.

It is generally believed in grain circles that importing countries will increase their orders for corn on a large scale, and that they will return to the oats market as buyers.

AUCTION SALES—Future Days
BY POLLARD & BAGBY, Real Estate Auctioneers.
TRUSTEES AUCTION SALE
THE BRICK DWELLINGS OR FLAT KNOWN AS NO. 2412 STUART STREET, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF STUART AVENUE, BETWEEN ELM STREET AND DAVIS AVENUE.

In execution of a deed of trust, dated December 15, 1911, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Richmond Chancery Court, D. C. 214-15, page 183, default having been made in the payment of portion of the debt therein secured, will sell by auction, on the premises, at 4 o'clock P. M.,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1914, the above-mentioned property. The lot is a frontage of 100 feet on Stuart Avenue, running back northwardly 175 feet 9 inches to an alley 10 feet wide.

TERMS: Enough in cash to pay cost of sale, any taxes that may be due on the property, and the balance in three installments on same from June 15, 1915, until paid, residue in equal installments. Credit payments to bear interest at 6 per cent and to be secured by deed of trust.

H. R. POLLARD, JR., Trustee.

THE VALENTINE AUCTION CO.
PHONE MADISON 1908
618 EAST BROAD ST.

RECEIVERS AUCTION SALE OF REFRIGERATORS, BUTCHERS' SUPPLIES, RANGES, ETC., OF
B. W. Smith & Co. Incorporated
BANKRUPT.
1306 East Main Street.

Pursuant to an order of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, entered on the 14th day of February, 1914, in the matter of the B. W. Smith & Co. Bankrupt, I will sell on the premises, No. 1306 East Main Street, beginning at 10:30 o'clock A. M.,

the stock of New Refrigerators, Ranges, Butcher's supplies and Store Fixtures, consisting of 20 ideal, modern and double Kitchen Ranges, Refrigerators, Show cases, Glass and Marble top Meat Displays, Counter, Steel Top Cooker, Table, Double and Single Glockle Kitchen, Gas Broiler, Gas Range, Broiler, Large and Small Sausage Stuffers, Opalite Glass Top Restaurant Tables, Linen Press, Vertical Filin Cabinet, Large Iron Safe, Ice Chest, Cabinet, 3 small size Steam Tables, Double and Single display Counter, Ice Box, Grocers' Refrigerator, Freezer, Size Refrigerators, Florist Refrigerator, Thin Ice Box, Emory Thompson Automatic Ice Cream Freezing Machine, etc.

All of these goods are new and in practically perfect condition. Sale positive.

TERMS: Cash. G. A. HANSON, Receiver and Trustee. THE VALENTINE AUCTION CO., Auctioneers.

RICHMOND TRUST & SAVINGS COMPANY
Main and Seventh
Have You?<